

DOE Statement on Release of CHPRC Draft Root Cause Evaluation Report – March 8, 2018

“The draft root cause analysis provides a critical self-assessment of the factors that led to the December 2017 contamination spread at the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP). The report identifies several inadequacies with regard to work planning, work control and management, and worker communication.

The Department of Energy is committed to the safety of the workers at DOE sites, the public and the environment. DOE is committed to ensuring strong corrective actions are developed and implemented before resuming and completing the demolition of PFP. The draft has been provided to a DOE expert panel for additional feedback and potential revision. An updated report will be finalized and approved by DOE.”